

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) NOTICE**

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Workforce Development Division (WDD) will be developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure operators of Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) subprojects for Fiscal Years 2008 through 2011. SCSEP is an employment and training program funded under Title V of the Older Americans Act Amendments of 2000 (Public Law 106-501)--*Community Service Employment for Older Americans*. The goals of this program are 1) to foster and promote useful part-time training opportunities in community service activities for unemployed, low-income persons who are 55 years or older and who have poor employment prospects, 2) to foster economic self-sufficiency and 3) to increase the number of persons who may enjoy the benefits of unsubsidized employment in both the public and private sectors.

As part of its planning process, WDD is seeking information and comments from current and prospective providers and the community to ensure that the RFP will address the needs of low-income older individuals in the State and fulfill the goals of Title V of the Older Americans Act Amendments of 2000. This RFI is especially interested in the following:

- How program participants may be able to address community needs through their community service activities;
- How to increase the recruitment of eligible low-income older individuals with poor employment prospects;
- How to improve the coordination and delivery of services; and
- How program participants may be trained to address the worker shortages within the State.

A brief description of the SCSEP has been attached to provide further information regarding our current SCSEP operations.

Written comments in response to this RFI may be transmitted via email to Yvonne Chong at yvchong@dlir.state.hi.us. Comments may also be mailed to:

Workforce Development Division, Administration Office
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
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Attn: Yvonne Chong

The deadline for the receipt of comments is 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2006.

Participation in this RFI process is optional and is not required in order to respond to any subsequent procurement. Neither the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations nor the interested party has any obligation under the RFI.